Engineering Interpretations

Water Features

This table gives estimates of several important water features, which are used in land use planning that involves engineering considerations. Water features which are covered include hydrologic soil groups, flooding frequency and duration, and seasonal high water table.

Hydrologic Soil Groups

The Hydrologic Soil Group, designated A, B, C or D, is a group of soils that, when saturated, have the same runoff potential under similar storm and cover conditions. Soil properties that influence runoff potential are those that influence the minimum rate of infiltration for a bare soil after prolonged wetting and when not frozen. These properties are depth to seasonally high water table, intake rate, permeability after prolonged wetting, and depth to very slowly permeable layer. The influences of ground cover and slope are treated independently --- not in hydrologic soil groups.

In the definitions of the classes, infiltration rate is the rate at which water enters the soil at the surface and is controlled by surface conditions.

Transmission rate is the rate at which water moves in the soil and is controlled by properties of the soil layers.

Hydrologic Soil Group A

Soils having high infiltration rates even when thoroughly wetted and consisting chiefly of deep, well-drained to excessively drained sands or gravels. These soils have a high rate of water transmission. (Low runoff potential)

Hydrologic Soil Group B

Soils having moderate infiltration rates when thoroughly wetted, consisting chiefly of moderately deep or deep, moderately well or well drained soils with moderately fine to moderately coarse textures. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission.

Hydrologic Soil Group C

Soils having slow infiltration rates when thoroughly wetted, consisting chiefly of (1) soils with a layer that impedes the downward movement of water, or (2) soils with moderately fine or fine textures and slow infiltration rate. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.

Hydrologic Soil Group D

Soils having very slow infiltration rates when thoroughly wetted, consisting chiefly of (1) clayey soils with high swelling capacity or potential, (2) soils with a high permanent water table, (3) soils with a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and (4) shallow soils over nearly impervious materials. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission. (High runoff potential)

Dual Hydrologic Groups

Dual hydrologic groups, A/D, B/D and C/D, are given for criteria with soils that can be adequately drained. The first letter applies to the drained condition and the second to the undrained condition. Only soils that are rated D in their natural condition are assigned to dual groups.

Flooding

The temporary covering of the soil surface by flowing water, is caused by overflowing streams, by runoff from adjacent slopes, or by inflow from high tides. Shallow water standing or flowing for short periods after rainfall or snowmelt is not considered flooding. Standing water in marshes and swamps or in a closed depression is considered ponding. Frequency, duration, and probable dates of occurrence are estimated.

Frequency generally is expressed as none, occasional, or frequent. None means that flooding is not probable. Occasional means that flooding occurs infrequently under normal weather conditions (there is a 5 to 50 percent chance of flooding in any year). Frequent means that flooding occurs often under normal weather conditions (there is a 50 percent chance of flooding in any year). Common groups frequent and occasional flooding into one class.

Duration is expressed as very brief (less than 2 days), brief (2 to 7 days), long (7 to 30 days), and very long (more than 30 days).

Probable dates of occurrence that floods are most likely to occur are expressed in months. About two-thirds to three-fourths of all flooding occurs during the stated period.

High Water Table (Seasonal)

This is a zone of saturation at the highest average depth during the wettest season. It is at least 6 inches thick, persists in the soil for more than a few weeks, and is within 6 feet of the soil surface. The depth to a seasonal high water table applies to undrained soils. Soils that have a seasonal high water table are classified according to depth to the water table, kind of water table, and time of year when the water table is highest. Three kinds of seasonal high water table are recognized within the soil: apparent, perched, and artesian. Another kind is above the soil surface much of the time causing ponding.

Apparent water table is the level at which water stands in a freshly dug, unlined borehole after adequate time for adjustments in the surrounding soil.

Perched water table is one that exists in the soil above an unsaturated zone. A water table may be inferred to be perched on the basis of general knowledge of the area. To prove that a water table is perched, the water levels in boreholes must be observed to fall when the borehole is extended

Artesian water table is one that exists under hydrostatic head beneath an impermeable layer; when the impermeable layer has been penetrated by a cased borehole, the water rises.

Ponding is standing water in a closed depression. The water is removed only by percolation, transpiration, or evaporation.

This subsection includes:

• Water Features

			Water	table	 	Ponding		Floo	ding
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		March	1.0-3.0	5.9-5.9			None		None
		April	1.0-3.0	5.9-5.9			None		None
		May	1.0-3.0	5.9-5.9			None		None
		June	1.0-3.0	5.9-5.9			None		None
		July	1.0-3.0	5.9-5.9			None		None
		November	1.0-3.0	5.9-5.9			None		None
		December	1.0-3.0	5.9-5.9			None		None
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		January	1.0-3.0				None		None
		February	1.0-3.0				None		None
		March	1.0-3.0				None		None
		April	1.0-3.0				None		None
		May	1.0-3.0				None		None
		June	1.0-3.0				None		None
		July	1.0-3.0				None		None
		November	1.0-3.0				None		None
		December	1.0-3.0	5.9-5.9			None		None

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	İ	November	0.5-1.5	5.9-5.9	j j		None		None
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	İ	February	2.0-3.5	5.9-5.9	j i		None		None
	İ	March	2.0-3.5	5.9-5.9	j j		None		None
	İ	April	2.0-3.5	5.9-5.9	j j		None		None
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	İ	March	2.0-3.5	5.9-5.9	j i		None		None
	İ	April	2.0-3.5				None		None
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		March	1.0-2.5				None		None
		April	1.0-2.5				None		None
	İ	May	1.0-2.5				None		None
	İ	November	1.0-2.5				None		None
	İ	December	1.0-2.5				None		None
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		November	1.5-2.5				None		None
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	İ	March	2.0-3.5	5.9-5.9	j		None	i	None
	j	April	2.0-3.5	5.9-5.9	j		None	j	None
	j	November	2.0-3.5	5.9-5.9	j		None	j	None
	į	December	2.0-3.5	5.9-5.9			None		None
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		February	0.5-2.0				None		None
		March		5.9-5.9			None		None
		April	0.5-2.0	1	1		None		None
		November	0.5-2.0	5.9-5.9			None		None
		December	0.5-2.0	5.9-5.9		 	None	 	None

			Water	table		Ponding		Flooding	
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	i	March		5.9-5.9			None		None
	İ	April	2.0-3.5				None		None
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		December		5.9-5.9			None		None
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	j	February		5.9-5.9			None		None
	i	March		5.9-5.9			None		None
	j	April		5.9-5.9			None		None
	j	November		5.9-5.9			None		None
	į	December	2.0-3.5	5.9-5.9	ļ ļ		None		None
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Putnam	- D	İ	İ	İ	į i		j i		Ì
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	İ	February	0.5-1.5	5.9-5.9	j j		None		None
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	İ	April	0.5-1.5	5.9-5.9	i i		None		None
		May	0.5-1.5				None		None
		November	0.5-1.5	5.9-5.9			None		None
	1	December	0.5-1.5	5.9-5.9			None		None

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		February	0.0-1.5		i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	March	0.0-1.5	>6.0	i i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	April	0.0-1.5	>6.0	i i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	May	0.0-1.5	>6.0	i i		None		None
	İ	November	0.0-1.5	>6.0	i i		None	Brief	Occasional
	ļ	December	0.0-1.5	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasional
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	İ	November	0.0-1.5	5.9-5.9	i i		None		None
	į	December	0.0-1.5	5.9-5.9			None		None
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	İ	April	0.5-1.5	5.9-5.9	i i		None		None
	İ	November	0.5-1.5	5.9-5.9			None		None
		December	0.5-1.5	5.9-5.9			None		None
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	İ	March	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasiona
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	İ	May	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None		None
		June	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None		None
		July	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None		None
		November	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasiona
		December	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasiona

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	İ	March	0.0-1.0	>6.0	j		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	April	0.0-1.0	>6.0	j		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	May	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasional
		June	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasional
		July	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None		None
		November	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasional
		December	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasional
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Dockery	C		j j				ĺ		
		January	1.5-2.5	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		February	1.5-2.5	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		March	1.5-2.5	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		April	1.5-2.5	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		May	1.5-2.5	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		June	1.5-2.5	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		November	1.5-2.5	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		December	1.5-2.5	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional

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j	March	1.0-2.0	>6.0	j j		None	Long	Occasional
	April	1.0-2.0	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
ĺ	May	1.0-2.0	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
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İ	January	2.0-3.0	>6.0	i i		None		None
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İ	April		>6.0	i i		None		None
İ	November		>6.0	i i		None		None
į	December	2.0-3.0	>6.0	ļ j		None		None
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j	March	2.0-3.0	>6.0	i i		None		None
j	April	2.0-3.0	>6.0	i i		None		None
j	November	2.0-3.0	>6.0	i i		None		None
j	December	2.0-3.0	>6.0	i i		None		None
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			Ft	Ft	Ft				
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		January	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasional
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	İ	March	0.0-1.0		i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	April	0.0-1.0		j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	May	0.0-1.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	June	0.0-1.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	July	0.0-1.0	>6.0	j i		None		None
	İ	November	0.0-1.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	į	December	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Occasional
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		January	0.0-1.5	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	February	0.0-1.5	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	March	0.0-1.5	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	April	0.0-1.5	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	May	0.0-1.5	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	November	0.0-1.5	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
	İ	December	0.0-1.5	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Occasional
56:	İ		į į		İ				
Wabash	D								
	İ	January	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
	İ	February	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		March	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		April	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional
		May					None	Long	Occasional
		November	0.0-1.0				None	Long	Occasional
		December	0.0-1.0	>6.0			None	Long	Occasional

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Map symbol and soil name	 Hydro- logic group	Month	Upper	Lower limit	Surface water depth	Duration	Frequency	 Duration	Frequency
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57:	I	I	1 1		1		1		I
Floris	l B		1 1						
		January	3.0-5.0	>6.0			None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	February	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	March	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	April	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	May	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	June	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None		None
	İ	November	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Frequent
	į	December	3.0-5.0	>6.0	İ İ		None	Brief	Frequent
69:		 							
Floris	В	İ	j j		j i		j i		j
	İ	January	3.0-5.0	>6.0	i		None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	February	3.0-5.0	>6.0	i		None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	March	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	April	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	May	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Frequent
	İ	June	3.0-5.0	>6.0	i		None		None
	İ	November	3.0-5.0	>6.0	j i		None	Brief	Frequent
	ļ	December	3.0-5.0	>6.0	İ İ		None	Brief	Frequent
71C:	 	 							
Plainfield	A		j		į				
		Jan-Dec					None		None
71F:									
Plainfield	A	į	į į		į į		į		į
		Jan-Dec					None		None

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			Water	table		Ponding		Flooding	
Map symbol and soil name	 Hydro- logic group	 Month 	 Upper limit 	Lower limit 	Surface water depth	Duration	Frequency 		Frequency
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AED: Orthent	 	 Jan-Dec	 	 	 		 None	 	 None
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W: Water	 	 Jan-Dec 	 	 			 None	 	 None
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